Modernisation of Dabolim airport

721. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Dabolim airport in Goa is proposed to be modernised;

(b) if so, the total amount of expenditure likely to be incurred on each of the items proposed to be undertaken for modernisation;

(c) whether the Indian Navy has assured additional land to the Airports Authority of India for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the details of the land, including its area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposed approximate cost for construction of new International Terminal Building complex with associated works is Rs. 140 crores and for expansion of apron is Rs. 10 crores.

(c) and (d) Indian Navy, Ministry of Defence has agreed in principle to allow usage of 8.7 acres of land on airside for expansion of apron.

Funds from privatisation of airports

722. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to divert the funds generated from the privatisation of Kolkata and Chennai airports, for the purpose of modernisation of other airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the airports being considered by Government for modernisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government has proposals to modernize Kolkata and Chennai

airports. Besides it has been decided to modernise 35 non-metro airports. These airports are located at Ahmedaband, Amritsar, Guwahati, Jaipur, Udaipur, Thiruvanathapuram, Lucknow, Goa, Madurai, Mangalore, Agatti, Aurangabad, Khajuraho, Rajkot, Vadodara, Bhopal, Indore, Nagpur, Vishakapatnam, Trichy, Bhubaneswar, Coimbatore, Patna, Port Blair, Varanasi, Agartala, Dehradun, Imphal, Ranchi, Raipur, Agra, Chandigarh, Dimapur, Jammu and Pune.

Distance between domestic and international airports

723. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is considerable distance between domestic and international airports in the country which causes lots of inconveniences besides time to travellers;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to take effective steps to address the inconveniences to air travellers;

(c) if so, by when it is expected to be implemented; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Domestic and International terminal buildings at the international airports at Delhi and Mumbai are separated by some distance.

(b) Free transport is provided to the passengers for transfer from domestic to international terminal and *vice-versa*.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Delay in flights of Indian Airlines

724. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for the delay of almost all flights of Indian Airlines could the Minister make a statement how many flights of Indian Airlines flew in time from all destinations during the last three months;